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LATIN AMERICAN NEWS DIGEST

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LANGUAGE BARRIER HURTS LATIN AMERICAN TRADE, George W. Warner, general manager of Armco International Corporation, says in letter to New York Times. "Lack of sound Spanish translations of technical handbooks, textbooks and other literature produced in U.S. for the use of Latin American engineers is serious handicap to closer commercial relations between U.S. and Latin America," he claims. (N.Y. Times)

U.S. URGED TO GIVE ECONOMIC AID TO CENTRAL AMERICA in special report prepared for Foreign Policy Association by A. Randle Elliott. He says "strategic position and economic resources of Central American Republics have necessitated a re-evaluation in terms of totalitarian challenge to Western Hemisphere." Claims small population and low purchasing power of Central America has kept it from becoming important market for U. S. products but survey of region's natural resources reveals it as a potential supplier of essential U.S. imports. (Washington Star)

ONE FILM CAN MAR GOOD WILL OF LATIN AMERICANS that U.S. government agencies and embassies have built up, correspondent from Brazil claims. Says "with every export picture U.S. sends to Latin America, our government reaches into minds and souls and pocketbooks of approximately 20 percent of Latin America's entire population." (Henry Albert Phillips in N.Y. Herald Tribune)

CUT IN IMPORT DUTIES ON LATIN AMERICAN PRODUCTS a detriment to U.S. farmers, Senator High Butler of Nebraska claims. Protests proposed tariff reductions on sugar, molasses, beef and agricultural products from Cuba. Says such a step "means destroying agriculture's protection for supposed benefit of industry." (Christian Science Monitor)

ARGENTINA SHIFTING FROM STRICT NEUTRALITY in European War and moving closer to U.S., observers in Buenos Aires believe as result of new laws controlling export of strategic war materials. Effect of recent export decrees would give Americas exclusive use of tungsten, beryl, mica, iron, copper, manganese and aluminum. Chile and Colombia only South American countries not now committed to keeping mineral resources out of hands of Axis. (Washington Star)

ARGENTINE DIPLOMAT DIES at age of 65 years. Frederico M. Quintana, counselor of Argentine Embassy in Washington in 1914, saw diplomatic services in Spain, Germany, Central America and Mexico. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

BRAZIL'S HIGHEST AWARD GIVEN President of Moore-McCormack Lines by President Getulio Vargas. Order of Southern Cross, highest honor granted by Brazilian government, awarded in appreciation of Albert V. Moore's activities in development of trade and travel between Brazil and U.S. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

BRAZIL LAUNCHES COFFEE PLASTIC manufacture at experimental plant set up in São Paulo to prepare cafelite from dried coffee beans. First plant has annual capacity of 35,000 bags of coffee, but Brazil sees eventual annual consumption of five to eight million bags of surplus coffee now being destroyed by burning. Cafelite, produced chemically under formula perfected by U.S. physicist, Herbert Spencer Polin, is one of cheapest plastics in the world. (Frank M. Garcia in N.Y. Herald Tribune)

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CHILEAN OFFICIAL'S SONS DIE IN AIR CRASH 45 miles from Santiago, Chile. Sergio and Hernan, sons of Defense Minister Carlos Valdovinos, attempting to land private plane, crash in mid-air with another plane in which two other persons are also killed. (N.Y. Times)

NAZI AIRLINE SERVICE HALTED IN ECUADOR. Ecuadorian government suspends operations of German-controlled Sedta Airline. Authorized sources say Ecuadorian air routes to be flown exclusively by Pan American-Grace Airways. (N.Y. Times)

FULL COOPERATION OF MEXICO'S ARMED FORCES, people and industries at any given moment to maintain security of Western Hemisphere pledged by President Manuel Avila Camacho in opening address to 38th Congress. President also proposes that all nations of Western Hemisphere sign pact outlawing conflicts among themselves. Says Mexican-United States problems were "about to reach satisfactory conclusions." (Washington Times-Herald)

MEXICO TO RECEIVE 1,000 BOX CARS FROM U.S., despite fact that U.S. Railways face shortage of rolling stock. United States official describes deal with Mexican National Railways as "the biggest thing the U.S. has been able to do commercially for a Latin American Country since it sent assistance in establishing a steel mill in Brazil." (N.Y. Times)

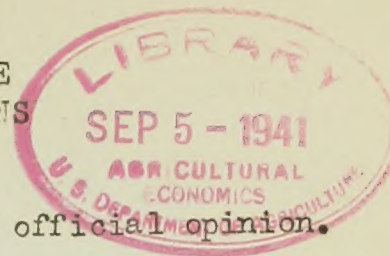
HEADS NICARAGUA MEDICAL SCHOOL. Dr. Henri de Bayle, graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and former president of Pan American Medical Association, appointed as dean of new school of medicine at Central University of Nicaragua. Dr. de Bayle is a former Nicaraguan Minister to U.S. (N.Y. Times)

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SEIZURE OF AXIS SHIPS PROVES UNITY OF AMERICAS and shows willingness of all Latin American countries to take major anti-Axis steps. Decision of Inter-American Financial and Economic Advisory Committee to take over and use 90 to 100 ships of Axis or Axis-dominated countries now tied up in American harbors said to be most important achievement of committee since its establishment in 1939. Representatives of 21 Republics agree to compensate for seizure of ships at termination of war. (Staff correspondent, Christian Science Monitor)

BOLIVIANS JEER NAZIS in crowded gallery of House of Deputies in La Paz. As Deputy Luis Puente suggests in speech that "rumors of prospective revolutionary putsch in Bolivia added up to nothing more than a joke," large group of spectators set up cries of "Death to the Nazis," forcing the House to suspend debate. (Christian Science Monitor)

BRAZIL ADDS TEN SHIPS TO OCEAN SERVICE between Brazil and U.S., the National Merchant Marine Commission in Rio de Janeiro announces. Vessels, totaling 44,697 tons, will be used for export of minerals to U.S. and import of coal and general cargo to Brazil. (Christian Science Monitor)

NAZI CONSULATES IN GUATEMALA CLOSED after Guatemala Government agrees to request of German Government to withdraw its consuls in occupied France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxemburg and Norway. (Christian Science Monitor)

MEXICO TO OBTAIN LARGE U.S. LOAN for anti-Axis aid as part of comprehensive agreement under which Mexico is expected to cooperate with U.S. in economic and military defense of hemisphere; guarantee to keep all strategic war materials from Axis powers; and make final cash settlement with American oil companies whose Mexican oil properties were seized in 1938. Loan, reported to be between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000,000, also to be used in part for stabilizing Mexican currency. Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla says he considers Mexico's relations with Britain already restored in everything but "technicality of protocol." Says Mexicans are impressed with British spirit and "magnificent stand" for democracy. (James B. Reston in N. Y. Times)

FIFTY PERCENT OF MEXICO'S ARTIFICIAL SILK INDUSTRY INACTIVE due to lack of raw material. Two hundred large and small factories forced to suspend operations, according to announcement. (Christian Science Monitor)

PANAMANIAN COMMISSION FORMED to assist Inter-American Development Commission in consulting and recommending steps for exploration and exploitation of Latin American mineral deposits; cultivation and marketing of agricultural and forest products; and establishment and development of industrial plants. Commissions, consisting of five men each, already operating in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela. (N.Y. Times)

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CURRENCY STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS with Mexico, Colombia and Ecuador being negotiated by U.S. as part of economic war against Germany, according to authoritative sources in Washington. Details of negotiations withheld but \$125,000,000 reported to be apportioned among three republics in Treasury or Export-Import bank loans. (N.Y. Times)

TANKER CONTROL COMMITTEE TO PROTECT LATIN AMERICA formed by U.S. Oil Coordinator's Office. With D. L. Harper of Standard Oil Co. of N.J. as chairman, committee is designed to allot tanker tonnage for oil shipments to Latin America and to see that such tonnage is used economically and efficiently. Will protect nations from shortage of petroleum products due to limited tanker facilities available in U.S. and Caribbean trade. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

STOCK QUOTATIONS BY SHORT WAVE TO LATIN AMERICA received by thousands of businessmen, according to letters received in radio station in Schenectady, N.Y. Station announcing plans to discontinue service receives hundreds of letters from every country in South and Central America and West Indies. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

ARGENTINE DIES COMMITTEE TO VISIT U.S. Jose Luis Cantilo, president of Argentine Chamber of Deputies, accepts invitation of Speaker Sam Rayburn of U.S. House of Representatives. Investigators to observe Federal Bureau of Investigation and will study methods employed by U.S. to run down anti-American agents. (Allen Haden, Washington Star)

CURB ON BLACKLIST REQUESTED by Maximiano Errazuriz, Chilean Senator, upon arrival in U.S. to confer with authorities on enforcement of the list in Chile. Says that "Chilean economy is being affected crucially." Declares he is also interested in increasing American delivery of materials and manufactured goods to Chile. (N.Y. Times)

\$500,000 IN GOLD BARS FROM CHILE ARRIVE IN U.S., according to unofficial reports. Metal shipment, said to be one of largest from Chile in recent months, consigned to Federal Reserve Bank of New York. (N.Y. Times)

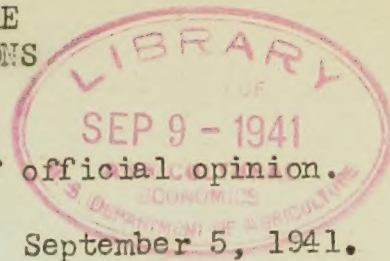
REPORT ON NEEDS OF COLOMBIAN INDUSTRIES for manufactured products and raw materials for rest of 1941 and first half of 1942 requested by Ministry of Commerce in Bogotá. Amount required to be limited to "needs indispensable to normal development of industries." Government plans to obtain licenses from U.S. for articles subject to export control. (N.Y. Times)

FORMER VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN U.S. to observe defense measures. General Eleazar Lopez Contreras, President of Venezuela from 1936 until May of this year, expresses admiration for U.S. and "its extraordinary initiative and great developments in all spheres of life." Cites friendship of his country for President Roosevelt. (N.Y. Times)

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IMPORTANCE OF OFFICE OF COORDINATOR OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS emphasized by announcement that Economic Defense Board will insure delivery to Latin America of certain urgently needed products from U.S. Office making strenuous efforts to aid in Latin American adjustment to economic changes brought on by the war. Among commercial and financial measures being studied are establishment of Inter-American Bank, settlement of defaulted debt situation of some of the republics, and promotion of adequate credit facilities for increase of both private and governmental trade between the republics. (Christian Science Monitor)

CONTINUATION OF EXPANDED ARGENTINE CHEESE SALES seen by Dr. Enrique L. Yalour, director of dairy division of Argentine Ministry of Agriculture at luncheon meeting of Argentine-American Chamber of Commerce in New York. Says foreign sales of Argentine cheese have increased more than six times since European cheese became unavailable in world markets. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BRAZILIAN DIAMONDS FIND MARKET IN LONDON. Reports say British have been completely successful in their efforts to prevent Brazilian diamonds from falling into Axis hands. (Washington Times-Herald)

SIMILARITY OF CUBAN, UNITED STATES GOALS cited by President Fulgencio Batista in address at Camp Columbia military headquarters. Taking part in celebration of 8th anniversary of "revolt of the sergeants," which placed him in command of Cuba's armed forces, President Batista quotes principles of Abraham Lincoln in radio broadcast as demonstrating what he describes "as the identity of Cuban and U.S. aims." (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

U.S. OIL INTERESTS UNAWARE OF AGREEMENT on oil properties expropriated by Mexican Government in 1938. Express surprise at reports that formula for settlement had been agreed upon. Claim that token payment made from funds supplied by U.S. with promise of payments over a period of years, possibly from proceeds of oil from their properties, is not a payment of "adequate, effective and prompt compensation" as Secretary of State Hull previously outlined to the Mexican Government. (J.H. Carmical in N.Y. Times)

MEXICO TO BUY 160 WARPLANES FROM U.S., according to official announcement made in Mexico City. Says U.S. will open a special credit to be granted as soon as pending questions between two countries are settled. Two new aerial regiments to be formed as part of Mexican army by end of 1941. (N.Y. Times)

TARIFF REMOVAL ADVOCATED by Mexican authorities on 16 major imports from Mexico, including 11 strategic minerals sold exclusively to U.S., in connection with trade treaty now under consideration. Claim that in place of U.S. imposing import duties Mexico would impose export duties of same amount in order to maintain prices and protect American producers. Say plan would help correct Mexico's unfavorable trade balance. (N.Y. Times)

BOND BETWEEN U.S. AND URUGUAY STRESSED by President Roosevelt as Dr. Juan Carlos Blanco, first Uruguayan Ambassador to the United States, presents his credentials. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

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U.S. DELEGATES TO INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY CONGRESS NAMED by President Roosevelt. Delegation of diplomats, legislators and technicians to represent U.S. at Inter-American travel and Highway Congress convening in Mexico City September 5. State Department stresses importance of meetings affecting Pan American Highway, says highway is assuming position of "commanding importance as an integral part of hemispheric defense program." (Washington Post)

NEED FOR HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN COFFEE GROUPS to be stressed in opening speech by Paul C. Daniels of State Department at annual convention of coffee industry, sponsored by National Coffee Association, meeting for 3 days at White Sulphur Springs. Mr. Daniels, responsible for administration of Inter-American Coffee Agreement for U.S., will call attention to need of close cooperation between major coffee groups involved in Coffee Agreement. Will discuss specific needs and achievements of Inter-American Coffee Board. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

SOUTH AMERICA TO HAVE HIGHER PRIORITY RATING for steel, chemical and other scarce defense material than some civilian industries in U.S. Question of speeding Latin American priorities for defense needs and essential civilian requirements to be one of first policy matters formulated by newly established Supplies Priority and Allocations Board, headed by Vice President Wallace. (Raymond L. Hoadley, N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

SPEED IN AID TO SOUTH AMERICA by "clearing way for sales of minimum of goods and materials needed from U.S., even at expense of non-essential needs of domestic markets," requested by Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce to President Roosevelt. Foreign trade committee of Chamber says it has been informed that nations in South America are "in great need of certain merchandise." Claims "continuing and increasing industrial and economic progress of South American countries, dependent on such supplies, is necessary to welfare of U.S." (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

NAZI INDUSTRIAL CONTROL IN ARGENTINA found to be approximately \$455,000,000. Through military conquest in Europe, Germany gains control of firms having branches in Argentina, congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities says in report to House of Deputies. Claims German Chamber of Commerce and German business groups in Argentina are in reality "one more tool in Nazi political organization." Asserts that organizations are collecting money in German colonies and distributing it for Nazi purposes through German Embassy. (Washington Star)

"NO NATION IS SAFE AGAINST FORCES OF CONQUEST," President Roosevelt warns in radio message, read by Brazilian Ambassador to U.S., Carlos Martins Pereira e Sousa, congratulating people of Brazil on 119th anniversary of independence. Says "ties that bind U.S. and Brazil are ancient and enduring." Pledge of full moral and material support by President regarded in Washington as especially significant because of strategic importance of "bulge" of Brazil in current war picture. President Getulio Vargas tells Brazilians in radio broadcast that "nations which wish to remain free must submit to armed vigilance" and that armed right of America would be used to repulse aggression "from wherever it may come." (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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NAZI LEAVES SOUTH AMERICA for Europe aboard plane of Italian Lati Airline. Gottfried Sandstede, press attaché of German Embassy in Argentina, who left country as congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities seeks to question him, leaves Natal, Brazil, en route to Germany. (N.Y. Times)

CHILE PUSHES CURB ON AXIS ACTIVITIES, well informed sources say. Bill presented to congress calling for dissolution of all organizations formed by foreigners which "in any way are contrary to established democratic regime, even if organizations are composed to certain extent of Chileans." (N.Y. Times)

LEADERSHIP OF LIBERAL PARTY IN COLOMBIA ACCEPTED by Former President Alfonso López Pumarejo until convention ratifies or rejects his nomination as President in December. In acceptance speech, he urges political and economic cooperation with U.S. on permanent long-range basis. (N.Y. Times)

EX-HEAD OF CUBA DIES IN HAVANA. Former President Mario García Menocal y Deop, one of Cuba's most famous political figures, dies after a week's illness. General Menocal, from 1913 to 1921, was one of President Batista's closest advisers. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CUBA JAILS TWO SPIES accused of totalitarian activities. Walter Bruno, also known as Alfred Muchlig, and Francisco Solarana Rozadilla detained by Special Espionage Bureau in Havana. (N.Y. Times)

U.S. MUST SUPPLY MEXICO WITH RAW MATERIALS in order to make its good neighbor policy successful, Richard Kulze says upon return from trip to Mexico. Mr. Kulze, vice chairman of committee representing Advertising Club, N.Y. Board of Trade and U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce in conferences with Mexican businessmen, says "it is especially important to convince Mexican buyers they are being given same treatment as are U.S. manufacturers." (N.Y. Times)

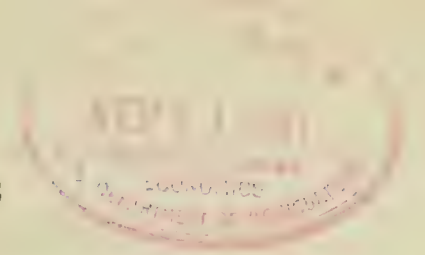
U.S. FILM SUPPLY SHUT OFF IN MEXICO as result of strike against two distributing houses in Mexico City by employees demanding 30 percent wage increase and free trips to Hollywood to observe picture making. (Washington Post)

MEXICAN TROOPS AND STRIKERS CLASH in demonstration of 3,000 railroad workers in Mexico City by employees demanding 30 percent wage increase and free trips to Hollywood to observe picture making. (Washington Post)

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IMPROVEMENT IN HEMISPHERE SHIPPING FACILITIES expected from appointment of George A. Foley, chairman of River Plate & Brazil Conference, as consultant in charge of transportation of Office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

500,000 STORM TROOPERS IN SOUTH AMERICA, situated at strategic positions, is a part of campaign for "Nazification" of the continent, Raúl Damonte Taborda, chairman of congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities, charges. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED by creation of National Agrarian Council to administer new law for subdivision of rural land and encouragement of approved and suitable immigration for systematic colonization of the interior. Council will encourage cooperation in all forms of rural economic activity; foster rural industries; and provide technical instruction in rural schools. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CRASH HERO ARRIVES IN U.S. FROM BRAZIL. Dr. Philip C. Jessup, recently decorated by Brazilian government with highest honor, "Order of the Southern Cross" for making 15-mile trip through jungle on August 18 to obtain aid for victims of plane crash, says South American intellectual leaders welcome cultural cooperation with U.S. but "properly spurn both attempted domination and charity." (N.Y. Times)

OUSTED NAZI CONSUL ARRIVES IN BRAZIL from U.S. aboard Italian transatlantic Lati plane. Captain Fritz Wiedemann, expelled German Consul General at San Francisco, says he is in South America "on a special mission." (N.Y. Times)

U.S. - CHILE TRADE PICTURE UNDERGOES CHANGE during past 18 months. American producers formerly not interested in restricted Chilean markets are now making efforts to sell their products, while American purchases in Chile have more than doubled. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CUBAN SUGAR QUOTA FACES ATTACK at hearings on proposed supplemental trade agreement with Cuba. U.S. sugar interests said to be centering attack upon need for additional quota restrictions rather than upon opposition to further tariff reductions. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

MILITARY FUNERAL GIVEN FORMER CUBAN PRESIDENT, Mario G. Menocal, who died in Havana yesterday. Receives military honors due a president of the republic, at orders of the government. (N.Y. Times)

EL SALVADOR CLOSES LAST CONSULATE IN GERMANY. Presidential decrees closes consulate in Hamburg. (N.Y. Times)

HAITI FREEZES GERMAN AND ITALIAN FUNDS of firms on U.S. blacklist and prohibits commercial transactions with such firms. (N.Y. Times)

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NEW CORPORATION STRENGTHENS HAITI, indicates transfer of Haitian cultural links from Europe to U.S. Corporation, commonly known as "Shada," with three U.S. and three Haitian directors, established to direct agricultural development. Major responsibility is developing high-yielding rubber plantations in Haiti. (Christian Science Monitor)

WINDOWS OF U.S. FIRMS SMASHED and swastikas painted on facades of seven agencies handling U.S.-made automobiles in Mexico City. Vandalism latest in series of disorders and strikes, prompting congressmen to urge more energetic action against fifth columnists to crush first symptoms of what they term "organized campaign to make trouble for President Manuel Avila Camacho's administration." (Washington Star)

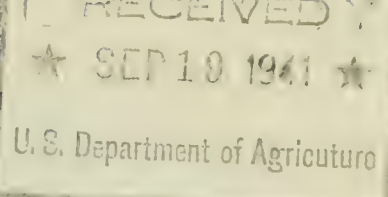
TEN COLONISTS AT SWISS VEGETARIAN SETTLEMENT killed when they refuse to register with Panama government as aliens, Dr. Walter Siegmeister, Colombia University graduate heading jungle vegetarian colony at Boquerón, Panama, says upon arrival in New York. Reports colony has disbanded but he hopes to establish a similar one in Ecuador. (N.Y. Times)

PERU'S FABULOUS JUNGLE WEALTH highlighted by world situation and recent Peruvian-Ecuadorian dispute, Luis M. Alzamora, director of Peruvian Information Bureau, says. Indicates modern implements are providing means of bringing it into greater economic play. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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PLANT SPECIALISTS RETURN FROM TROPICAL SURVEY. H. T. Edwards and J. H. Kempton, tropical plant specialists of Department of Agriculture, return from agricultural survey in Mexico and Honduras of possibilities of developing in American tropics products which U.S. now imports from more distant tropical regions. Reports to be made to Mexican and Honduran governments.

U.S.-BRITISH COMPETITION IN LATIN AMERICA to be regulated by new pact, requiring Britain to reduce competitive exports but permitting her to continue export trade at about two-thirds of normal in order to bring in essential dollar exchange. Agreement expected to remove suspicion that Britain is using lease-lend materials to compete with U.S. Argentine beef and Venezuelan oil listed among essential British imports. (Washington Post)

U.S. SHOULD BROADCAST MORE IN AMERICAS as means of combating Axis propaganda, John F. Royal, vice president of National Broadcasting Company, says upon return from 20,000-mile tour of Latin America. Says Latin Americans are not as much interested in war news as in a "day-to-day picture" of what U.S. is doing. (Christian Science Monitor)

NINE ARGENTINES DETAINED IN PARIS on suspicion of activities against interests of state, according to report from Argentina. Two said to have been released after questioning. No report of incident from German authorities. (Christian Science Monitor)

GERMANS PROTEST ARGENTINE INQUIRY of embassy expenditures in Argentina. Scrutiny of expenditures "has no precedent in history of diplomacy," German Ambassador Baron Edmund von Thermann declares in call to Argentine Foreign Office. Announces arrival in Buenos Aires of Captain Fritz Wiedemann, recently ousted Nazi Consul General in San Francisco. Says Captain Wiedemann will proceed to Chile after two-day stay in Buenos Aires. (N.Y. Times)

BRAZIL DISPLAYS MECHANIZED MILITARY EQUIPMENT in Independence Day parade. Shows first delivery on \$100,000,000 defense-material order from U.S. (Christian Science Monitor)

CHILE DENIES RACE POLICY in reply to reports that Chilean government was making it difficult for Maurice Schwartz, Jewish actor, to enter the country. Foreign Ministry explains in statement to press that "there is no anti-Jewish policy being enforced forbidding entry into Chile or any restrictions concerning race, religion or nationality of those wishing to live in Chilean territory." (N.Y. Times)

GERMANY ORDERS REMOVAL OF COSTA RICAN CONSULAR OFFICIALS in German-occupied territories. Claims Costa Rican activities are "inadmissible." Foreign Office officials in San José say they will make an energetic protest to Germany if Reich closes consulates. (N.Y. Times)

BOYCOTT ON AXIS AND SPANISH PRODUCTS and provision for all U.S. military, naval and air bases required in Cuba urged by "Asociación Septembrina Agraria," semi-political farmers' organization in Cuba. Announces formation of committee to promote boycott against Axis nations and Spain. (Christian Science Monitor)

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RADIO PROGRAMS ON LATIN AMERICAN AGRICULTURE planned as National Farm and Home Hour series. Speakers, chiefly from Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations and Bureau of Plant Industry, to tell of development of Latin American crops that complement U.S. agricultural production. Series begins Sept. 11, with Dr. E.N. Bressman as speaker; programs scheduled weekly, usually on Thursday. (U.S.D.A. Radio Service)

60 LATIN AMERICAN STUDENTS ARRIVE IN U.S. from Colombia and Venezuela to enter schools and colleges. Robert H. Patchin, vice president of W. R. Grace and Co., declares that Latin American student movement to U.S. this year will surpass all previous records. (N.Y. Times)

GERMAN-ARGENTINE RELATIONS TO ENTER CRITICAL PHASE as Chamber of Deputies starts discussion of behavior of German Ambassador to Argentina, Baron Edmund von Thermann, and of measures to be taken to counter Nazi activities. Committee investigating anti-Argentine activities claims that Ambassador has "overstepped bounds of his functions and abused his diplomatic privileges." Asks for expulsion of leaders of various German organizations in Argentina. Captain Wiedemann, recently ousted U.S. Consul General from San Francisco, fails to arrive in Buenos Aires. Says in Rio de Janeiro that he is en route to China to fill post of Consul General in Tientsin. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE-BOLIVIAN TRADE AGREEMENT expected, providing for sale of Argentine wheat, rice, sugar and other commodities to Bolivia, according to unofficial reports in Buenos Aires. Says negotiations between representatives of two governments are well advanced but details are undisclosed. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

CANADIAN-CHILEAN PACT SIGNED, giving Chile benefit of "most-favored nation" clause. Expected that Canada will buy large consignments of nitrates, wines and fruit products and will furnish Chile with cellulose, paper and other raw materials. Canada to assign diplomatic representative in Argentina to cover Chilean territory. (N.Y. Times)

COLOMBIAN PLATINUM MARKET LOST because of competitive production in Canada and blocking of Japanese funds by U.S., according to press reports in Bogotá. Japan and Germany, formerly largest platinum buyers, now unable to procure exchange for purchases. (N.Y. Times)

ADDITIONAL CUBAN TARIFF CONCESSIONS FORESEEN in speedy conclusion of supplemental trade agreement between U.S. and Cuba. Official quarters look for concessions on sugar, beef and tobacco as Committee for Reciprocity Information winds up 3 days of hearings on proposed pact. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC HALTS CELEBRATION of Independence Day in San Salvador, El Salvador. Many public schools closed and parade of school children cancelled as Health Department seeks to arrest epidemic afflicting thousands. (N.Y. Times)

URUGUAY TO BUY WIDE VARIETY OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT from U.S. under provisions of Lend-Lease Act, Julio A. Roletti, Uruguayan Minister of Defense, says. Says military mission is now in U.S. to study types of material to be acquired and manner of their use in training personnel. Adds that Argentina is cooperating in training Uruguayan officers. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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SOUTH AMERICAN STUDENTS ARRIVE to enter U.S. schools and colleges. Students, 45 from Venezuela and 15 from Colombia, range in age from eight to 21 years. (Christian Science Monitor)

16 ITALIAN MERCHANTMEN SEIZED add 90,000 tons of badly needed shipping space to Argentina's trade fleet. Surprise expressed in Buenos Aires at Italian failure to bring diplomatic pressure to prevent deal. (Christian Science Monitor)

ARGENTINA TO BUY MILITARY MATERIALS in U.S. through officials soon to be sent here. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BRAZIL BUILDING OWN NAVY at shipyard on Ilha de Cobras, an island in Rio's harbor. Six destroyers of 1,200 tons now being built to replace ships ordered from England which could not be delivered because of war. Shipyard planned during 20's with help of first U.S. naval mission, and construction started in 1930. Previously Brazil had depended on other nations for its warships. (Christian Science Monitor)

PORTUGUESE EDITION OF 'READER'S DIGEST' to be started early in 1942 for distribution in Brazil. (Christian Science Monitor)

BOLIVIAN JURIST HONORED by Inter-American Bar Association. Dr. José Antonio Arze, professor at University of Sucre, Bolivia, entertained at luncheon in Washington. (Washington Times-Herald)

NINE MORE GERMANS ARRESTED IN CHILE, bringing to 13 number held for suspected Nazi activities. Police say they have established existence of 16 "Nazi blocks" in Santiago Province and have arrested all but four of leaders. (N.Y. Times)

ANTI-NAZI RALLY IN COSTA RICA approved by government. President R. A. Calderon Guardia to be among speakers. (N.Y. Times)

FREIGHT SHORTAGE FROM CUBA ACUTE, threatening failure of delivery of remaining quota of Cuban sugar for this year. Maritime Commission announces every effort will be made to provide shipping. Vessels normally engaged in trade are carrying ore from Cuba or otherwise serving defense needs. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

MEXICAN PRESIDENT ASKS PORT IMPROVEMENT at Salina Cruz, Puerto Mexico, Manzanillo and Vera Cruz as step in developing both agricultural and industrial economy of country. Urges construction of drydock and shipyards at some Gulf of Mexico port. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

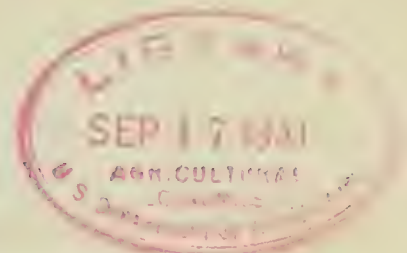
MEXICO TO BUY 190 U.S. WARPLANES to bring Mexican airforce to 300 planes by end of year. (Washington Times-Herald)

U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE TO NICARAGUA reaches Managua. Lieut. Allison Dunham is first U.S. naval attaché ever assigned to Nicaragua. (N.Y. Times)

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INSTITUTE SURVEY PARTY LEAVES ECUADOR for Costa Rica to continue survey of sites for proposed Institute of Tropical Agriculture. In Quito, group was received by President of Ecuador. (Letter from R. H. Allee, Chief of Party)

AXIS RAIDER ROAMS IN PACIFIC NEAR CANAL ZONE, according to reliable sources. Netherlands motor ship, Kota Nopan, en route to U.S. by way of Panama Canal, reported sunk near Galapagos Islands. Well informed sources think raider is operating on sea lanes from Australia, New Zealand and Netherlands Indies, converging on Panama Canal. (C. H. Calhoun, N.Y. Times)

LATIN AMERICAN GOODS ADD TO INFLATION PERIL. One of most difficult problems defense officials face in fight against inflation is price-control of South American imports. Firm action by Office of Price Administration in placing ceiling on prices of such imports might react against Good Neighbor Policy. Cites coffee, carnaúba wax and sisal as examples. (Raymond L. Hoadley, N.Y. Herald Tribune)

LITTLE BUSINESS TO OBTAIN OUTLET IN LATIN AMERICA. Clearing house designed to coordinate potential production of small manufacturers in U.S. in effort to break bottleneck in exports to Latin America to be opened by Department of Commerce. Action viewed as step in Administration's program to assure essential imports for 20 American Republics. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

26 PERUVIANS REPORTED SLAIN IN ECUADORIAN AMBUSH near Porotillo, River Jubones sector, in Foreign Office Communique from Lima. (N.Y. Times)

REMOVAL OF GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA favored by executive branch of government. Congressional committee investigating anti-Argentine activities charges that Ambassador Edmund Von Thermann is head of Nazi political organization, disciplined by Storm Troopers and secret police and financed by assessments against salaries of German workers in Argentina. (N.Y. Times)

U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA HONORED. Norman Armour named honorary director of Pan American Games, starting November 21, 1942. Teams from all American Republics expected to participate. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

WIEDEMANN WIPS ARGENTINE TRANSIT. Captain Fritz Wiedemann, recently ousted German Consul in San Francisco, arrives at airport near Buenos Aires. Will remain in Buenos Aires few days before proceeding to Chile en route to new post in Far East. Argentine Committee investigating anti-Argentine activities says if Wiedemann attempts to remain in Argentina, he will be summoned for questioning. (N.Y. Times)

JAPAN RESUMES SHIPPING OPERATIONS to Brazil. Shipping companies acting on belief that Japanese-American crisis is blowing over, according to reliable sources in Rio de Janeiro. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

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ROOSEVELT'S CLAIM OF SECRET NAZI AIR FIELD IN COLOMBIA leads to government investigation of properties owned by German nationals in Colombia. Field thought to be on hacienda owned by pro-Nazi German, Dr. Hans Neumueller, 17 miles from Atlantic port of Cartagena and about an hour's flying time from Canal for bombers. (N.Y. Times)

COSTA RICA TO CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY with vast pro-democratic and anti-totalitarian demonstration, sponsored by National Anti-Nazi Front. (N.Y. Times)

GUATEMALA MODIFIES EXPORT LAW prohibiting exportation or reexportation of commodities upon which restrictions were placed by export control of United States. Countries in which ban is lifted are: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Chile, El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. (N.Y. Times)

AXIS RADIO STATION AND AIRFIELD FOUND IN MEXICO. "Pirate" airfield and clandestine Nazi propaganda radio station near Las Palmas, State of Chiapas, reported discovered by newspaper, Excelsior. (N.Y. Times)

ALL AMERICAN DEFENSE PLAN endorsed by Mexican Government, expressing belief that "war of continents" is imminent. Proposes immediate formation by Western Hemisphere nations of common defense plan and a joint economy. (Christian Science Monitor)

CLOSING OF PANAMANIAN CONSULATES in German-occupied territories of Europe officially announced by Foreign Minister Raúl de Roux. (N.Y. Times)

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MEXICAN CONGRESS OPENS IN MEXICO CITY. Under-Secretary of Communications Vicente Jordés Herrera welcomes delegates from U.S., Latin America and Canada at Fourth American Highway Congress and Second Inter-American Travel Congress. Interior Minister Miguel Alemán inaugurates meetings, representing President of Mexico. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE NOTE CENSURES NAZI AMBASSADOR, Baron Edmund von Thermann. Chamber of Deputies approves resolution censuring German Ambassador for "overstepping functions of his office and abusing his diplomatic privileges." Resolution, by implication, demands his expulsion by requesting deportation of all leaders of German organizations engaged in anti-Argentine activities. (Arnaldo Cortesi, N.Y. Times)

CHILEAN LINE PRESIDENT ARRIVES IN U.S. Carlos A. Vial to travel throughout U.S. to confer with government officials regarding U.S. trade relations with Chile. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

INVESTIGATION OF FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES IN COLOMBIA requested by Colombian Confederation of Workers at meeting in Barranquilla. Resolution requests expulsion of Dr. Hans Neumueller on whose property newspaper Liberal says Nazi landing field might be situated. Dr. Neumueller denies charges and expresses hope that Colombian government will order investigation. Members of organized labor requested to fight Nazi-Fascist fifth column activities in Colombia. (N.Y. Times)

CUBA ASKS CONGRESS TO PERMIT U.S. LOAN. President Fulgencio Batista asks for legislation authorizing contract for \$25,000,000 loan granted to Cuba by Export-Import Bank in Washington in message to 18th Congress opening in Havana. Outlines foreign policy of Cuban government as close cooperation with other American nations in face of present world situation. (N.Y. Times)

U.S. AIRWAYS REPLACE NAZI-EQUADORIAN LINE. Completion of plans by Pan American-Grace Airways to supplant all German-operated airlines in Ecuador announced. Discloses that only 70 miles of former 11,500-mile network of Nazi-controlled air routes in five Republics of West Coast of South America remain in operation. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

GUATEMALA NATIONAL FAIR OPENS IN GUATEMALA CITY November 10, running to November 25, according to report received in Department of Commerce. Indicates that 1941 exposition will be larger and more comprehensive than former fairs. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BAR OF MEXICAN SINARQUISTAS REQUESTED by Deputy Alfredo Díaz Escobar, representing Confederation of Mexican workers. Says he will ask Congress to dissolve National Union of Sinarquistas, describing organization as principal fifth column instrument in Mexico. President Manuel Avila Camacho announces he will accept offer of Sinarquistas to colonize deserted regions of Lower California in demonstrating their patriotism to Mexico. (N.Y. Times)

NICARAGUAN GOLD PRODUCTION TO EXPAND TO PEAK LEVEL, with installation of new machinery and equipment received from U.S. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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SOUTH AMERICA TO RECEIVE \$400,000,000 IN LEND-LEASE AID, according to President Roosevelt's lend-lease report to Congress. Says that "steps are being taken to provide other American Republics with equipment and materials vitally needed as insurance against aggression." Amounts allotted to each country to be determined by size and strategic position. (Leon Pearson in Washington Times Herald)

GERMAN AMBASSADOR DEFIES CENSURE of Argentine Chamber of Deputies for engaging in Axis propaganda activities. Baron Edmund von Thermann admits charges but says he will refuse to leave Argentina unless ordered by Berlin. (Washington Times Herald)

FITZ WIEDEMAN SAILS TODAY ON JAPANESE SHIP, Manila Maru. Recently ousted Nazi Consul from San Francisco leaves Buenos Aires en route to new diplomatic mission in Far East, Argentine Foreign Office announces. (N.Y. Times)

BRAZIL EXPORTS NEW WAX, according to The Field Museum News. Says "Ouricury wax" is similar to carnaúba from Northeastern Brazil, most important ingredient of floor waxes and furniture polishes. (N.Y. Times)

COSTA RICA TO COOPERATE IN DEFENSE of Western Hemisphere, President Calderón Guardia pledges at anti-Nazi demonstration in San José. Says Costa Rica will accept any sacrifice it is called upon to make in defending civic patriotism. (Christian Science Monitor)

CUBA TO GUARD AMERICAN AND BRITISH SHIPS in Havana harbors, Captain Alberto Rubio, chief of maritime police, announces. Says strictest vigilance will be kept at docks to prevent sabotage or espionage. (N.Y. Times)

HAITI TO RECEIVE \$1,100,000 IN LEND-LEASE GOODS under agreement signed by Secretary of State Hull and Fernand Dennis, Haitian Minister to U.S. Loan to be repaid with Haitian products that can be used to advantage in U.S. Similar agreements to be worked out with other American Republics. (Washington Star)

NEW LAND SEIZURE ORDERED BY MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. Expropriation of 3,000 acres of agricultural land belonging to American-owned Colorado River Land Co., in Mezquital Baja California, decreed. Announcement, published in official diary of Sept. 6, accepts petition for expropriation submitted by peasants on Feb. 19, 1939, on grounds of "economic necessity." (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

PANAMA TO PROTEST TO GERMANY AGAINST SINKING of steamships Sessa and Montana. Government of Panama orders Francisco Villalaz Castillo, Panamanian Minister to Germany, to protest against torpedoing of ships and to present a claim for indemnity. (Washington Times Herald)

URUGUAY TO RETAIN ALL RIGHTS IN PROVIDING BASES and will keep full sovereignty in organization of its defense, Defense Minister Julio A. Roletti declares. (Christian Science Monitor)

EX-PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA PAYS TRIBUTE TO SIMÓN BOLÍVAR in New York. General Eleazar López Contreras, in U.S. on defense mission as chief of his country's armed forces, cites strength of Pan American relations. (N.Y. Times)

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BOOST IN LATIN AMERICAN TRADE one of functions of Office of Export Control, placed directly under Vice President Henry A. Wallace. Former Administrator, Brig. Gen. R. L. Maxwell, ordered back to military duty succeeded by Milo Perkins. (John Fisher, Washington Times Herald)

ROCKEFELLER CHALLENGES NAZIS IN LATIN AMERICA by mapping multi-million campaign in bidding for propaganda supremacy in other Republics. Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs, Nelson A. Rockefeller, says "Economic defense and defense against demoralization of mind and spirit call for effective joint action on part of all 21 American Republics, working together in close cooperation." (C.S. Monitor)

GROWING DEPENDENCY ON SOUTH AMERICAN WOOL by U.S. carpet manufacturers as stocks of New Eastern and British Indian wool dwindle indicated in trade circles. Carpet wool of South American origin said to possess as good wearing qualities as other types but lacks desired stiffness or resiliency. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

ROUND-UP OF AXIS ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH AMERICA begins in earnest. Cites developments of investigations of Axis activities in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela. (John Lear, Washington Post)

NEW OUTBREAK ON PERU-ECUADOR BORDER raises serious complications in efforts of U.S., Argentina and Brazil to bring about a peaceful settlement. Peru accuses Ecuador of violating truce of July 31, thus leading Peruvian planes to attack at points where Ecuador is allegedly concentrating troops for "further aggression." (C.S. Monitor)

ARGENTINE DEPUTIES ENDORSE CHAPLIN FILM, banned several months ago by Interior Minister. Chamber of Deputies adopts resolution asking Minister of Interior to permit showing of "The Great Dictator" throughout Argentina. (Washington Times-Herald)

ARGENTINA REJECTS PROTEST OF NAZI ENVOY, Edmund von Thermann, against slurring remarks made during Congressional debate on charges that he had "abused his diplomatic privileges." Argentine Foreign Ministry informs German Ambassador that remarks were protected by privileges inherent to their posts. Raúl Damonte Taborda, president of Chamber Investigating Committee, dares von Thermann to challenge him to duel if he considers himself insulted by committee's denunciation of his conduct as Ambassador. (C.S. Monitor and N.Y. Times)

BRAZILIAN HARBOR MENACED BY WATERFRONT FIRE at Santos. Fire brought under control after night-long battle with flames, causing damage estimated at \$750,000. (C.S. Monitor)

CUBA'S WORLD SUGAR QUOTA ALMOST EXHAUSTED, following sale of 25,000 tons to British Ministry of Food, local sugar circles in Havana report. (C.S. Monitor)

DAUGHTER OF VENEZUELAN ENVOY NAMED TOBACCO QUEEN. María Teresa Escalante, 18-year-old daughter of Dr. Diógenes Escalante, Venezuela's Ambassador to U.S., chosen to resign as "Queen Nicotina VIII" at Tobacco Festival to be held in La Plata, Md., Sept. 26-27. (Washington Times-Herald)

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"WELLES PLAN" TO CRIPPLE AXIS WAR EFFORT by cornering all strategic war materials in Western Hemisphere making excellent progress. Learned that U.S. virtually has concluded war-trade agreement with Peru and has obtained important priorities on many essential metals from Chile, Bolivia and Argentina. (James Reston, N.Y. Times)

DISOBEYANCE OF 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN COFFEE QUOTAS for quota-year beginning Oct. 1, to be considered at Sept. 30 meeting of Inter-American Coffee Board. Size of next quota to be determined by attitude of Board on policy calling for halt in rising coffee prices. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

SPECIAL TRADE ADVANTAGES to contiguous nations, proposed in resolution approved by Inter-American Economic Advisory Committee. Proposal, first brought forth by Argentina and Brazil at Montevideo Pan American Conference in 1933, is based upon premise that "such tariff concessions are justified exceptions to most-favored nations treaties." Conditions set forth are: tariff concessions must be granted through trade agreements; parties shall reserve right to reduce or eliminate customs duties on similar imports from other countries; and, any such arrangement not to stand in way of broad program of economic reconstruction. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

ARGENTINA ADDS DEFENSE MEASURE. Air raid precautions division added to Buenos Aires Police Department. (Washington Daily News)

CHILEAN RESIDENTS HELD IN GERMANY in retaliation for arrest of 28 German residents in Chile. Undisclosed number of Chileans held on suspicion of "actions hostile to German State," according to authorized sources in Berlin. Simultaneously, Adolf Hitler cables best wishes to President of Chile, Pedro Aguirre Cerda, on occasion of anniversary of Chilean independence. (N.Y. Times)

CHILEAN MINISTER RESIGNS. Minister of Interior, Arturo Olavarria, resigns cabinet post following disagreement over Cabinet's decision to request Congress to postpone action for 60 days on purchase of American-owned Chilean Electric Co. properties. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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AIRPLANE FERRYING SERVICE FROM NORTH AMERICA to British ports in West Africa, via South America, announced as President Vargas of Brazil authorizes construction and improvement of airports in eight seaboard cities. New airfields to provide facilities for land planes where sea planes previously operated exclusively. (N.Y. Times)

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF BLACKLIST have been offset recently by Washington's Good Neighbor Policy, according to analysis of "Control of Foreign-Owned Property in U.S.," by Theodore H. Thiesing, member of New York bar. Says that as result of policy expressed in loans and other financial assistance, Latin American republics have shown their willingness to cooperate with U.S. in economic war against Axis. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

U.S. 'CORNER' IN LATIN AMERICA on every strategic material seen within three months. Program seen including over-all purchasing agreements with several countries and single commodity agreements on such materials as platinum, zinc, lead and copper. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

ADVERSE EFFECTS ON OIL EXPORT TRADE from Mexico and Colombia indicated because of lack of transportation facilities, according to available statistics. Colombia exports for first half of year 20 percent below previous year; Mexican exports 32 percent lower for same period. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

MEASURES TO CURB NAZIS IN ARGENTINA proposed by committee investigating anti-Argentine activities. Bills are: to regulate anti-democratic propaganda; to define use of diplomatic mail pouches; to restrict or ban news agencies of totalitarian countries; and to take control of Argentine branches of firms of countries occupied by Germany, whose value is estimated at about \$275,000,000. Hostile demonstration occurs outside German Embassy in Buenos Aires few hours before Captain Fritz Wiedemann, recently ousted Nazi Consul at San Francisco, sails on Japanese ship for post in Far East. (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINA WOULD ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIRLINES through bill delivered by Director General of Aeronautics to the Ministry of Interior. Routes would connect Argentina with Bolivia and Paraguay; Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Uruguay and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (N.Y. Times)

BOLIVIA TO REQUEST CHANGE IN STATUS. Because of increased trade relations with U.S., Bolivian Foreign Office will negotiate for change in status of Ministry to Embassy in Washington. (N.Y. Times)

BRAZIL FORBIDS SHIPS TO ANCHOR IN DANGEROUS WATERS. Decree includes Europe, except Portugal and west coast of Spain, all of Mediterranean coast, east coast of Africa, north of Mozambique, Mozambique, Portugal, Indian Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, south of Bahia Blanca, Argentina, and entire Pacific Ocean. Measure to be altered according to trend of war. (N.Y. Times)

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CHILE INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL marred by fifth column and threats to Chilean independence and democracy. Three-day festival marks anniversary of Chilean nationhood, which was proclaimed on Sept. 18, 1810. (Christian Science Monitor)

BUMPER EL SALVADOR COFFEE CROP announced. Surplus seen of about 30,000,000 pounds above country's quota under Inter-American Coffee Agreement. (N.Y. Times)

NEW U.S.-MEXICAN TRADE AGREEMENT reported under negotiation by newspaper El Nacional. Says agreement will have to be "more equitable" than present arrangement. (Christian Science Monitor)

MEXICO TO DIVIDE CREDITS FROM U.S. -- half to its own economic development and half to Hemisphere defense -- say informed circles in Mexico City. (Harold Callender in N.Y. Times)

WAY FOR INTERNAL DISORDER AND INVASION prepared during peacetime in other countries by fifth column activities, President Manuel Avila Camacho says in request to Congress for bill providing for severe new penalties for Axis activities in Mexico. Says he considers measures urgently necessary in view of international situation. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO ORDERS TEACHERS TO STAY OUT OF POLITICS and "to aid in task of uniting all of nation's social groups." President Manuel Avila Camacho issues order for 80,000 school teachers to abandon all political activity by Sept. 30 and to dedicate themselves exclusively to teaching. (Washington Post)

REICH JEW DIES IN MEXICO after drinking with Germans in Xochimilco restaurant. Wife claims Ernst Michel, German Jew, was victim of Gestapo's vengeance because he brought part of fortune into Mexico from Germany when Hitler came into power. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

URUGUAY PROMISES U.S. USE OF SEAPORT and other facilities in event of war. Begins construction of huge naval air base on Atlantic Coast, to be under Uruguayan sovereignty but available to use by U.S. Air base to command entrance to River Plate, trade route and possible means of invasion to Uruguay, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Bolivia. (N.Y. Times)

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SECOND INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF MUNICIPALITIES, meeting at Valparaiso, Chile, closes with call for cooperation among all cities of Western Hemisphere for defense against totalitarianism and expression of faith in President Roosevelt as leader of democratic forces of the world. Votes to maintain permanent board of directors, with headquarters at Havana, Cuba. (C.S. Monitor)

PLAN FOR PRORATING COST OF COMPLETING PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY, estimated at \$120,000,000, among 21 American Republics on basis of each country's financial capacity, approved in principal by International Affairs Commission of Pan American Highway Congress, meeting in Mexico City. (C.S. Monitor)

PAN AMERICAN FIESTA SPEAKER at Shenandoah, Iowa, Sept. 26, to be José L. Colom, Chief of Division of Agricultural Cooperation, Pan American Union.

MARKET FOR ARGENTINE CHEESE SOUGHT by Dr. Enrique Yalour, director of division of dairy products of Argentine Ministry of Agriculture. In U.S. for tour of centers of domestic cheese industry in Middle West and to confer with cheese importers and manufacturers. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BERLIN LAUNCHES BITTER PRESS ATTACK AGAINST ARGENTINA for repression of Nazi fifth columnists. (C.S. Monitor)

BOLIVIA GIVES U.S. EXCLUSIVE RIGHT to buy country's output of lead. (C.S. Monitor)

BRAZIL CLOSES OFFICES OF ANTI-DEMOCRATIC and anti-Jewish "Juvenile Crusade for a Good Press." (C.S. Monitor)

BRAZIL'S ENTIRE RESOURCES TO BE USED in fulfilling its Pan American obligations, President Vargas states in Independence Day speech in Rio de Janeiro. Says "any aggression from any source, would find Brazil forming part of bloc composed of more different nationalities than have ever made up a defensive alliance." (C.S. Monitor)

CHILEAN STUDENTS STAGE DEMONSTRATION in Santiago, demanding release of Chileans arrested in Germany. Foreign Minister Juan B. Rossetti investigating reported arrests. (C.S. Monitor)

CHILE TO LAUNCH NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE between American West Coast ports by end of current year, using five Danish merchant ships seized by Chilean Government, according to announcement made by Manuel E. Hubner, Consul General for Chile in Los Angeles. Says Chile is planning to increase friendship and trade with U.S., particularly on the West Coast. (C.S. Monitor)

CUBA TO REQUEST TARIFF CUTS. Minister José Manuel Cortina announces list of products on which Cuba will request U.S. to reduce customs tariff in negotiations for supplementary commercial agreement. Lists minerals, sugar, molasses, tobacco, beef, veal, grapefruit, medicinal preparations and drugs, animal origin chemical products, frog legs, mangos, fruits and lima beans. Says that U.S. expert will arrive in Havana soon to begin negotiations. (N.Y. Times)

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U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION of Permanent American Aeronautical Commission established by President Roosevelt. As agreed at Lima Pan American Conference of 1938, commission formed to work toward unification and codification of international public and private air law and will coordinate technical activities of mutual concern to Western Hemisphere aeronautics. Thomas Burke, chief of State Department's Division of International Communications, named chairman. (N.Y. Times)

DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE ESTABLISHED by Nelson Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. Will be headed by Dr. Earl N. Bressman, who has been Assistant Director of the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations.

ARGENTINE TROOPS OCCUPY MILITARY AIRPORTS in Paraná, Córdoba and Salta. Undisclosed number of army officers detained. Rumor spreads following Berlin press attack on Argentina that unrest in the three heavily German-populated provinces called for swift military action. Acting President Castillo says he is "certain that country as a whole is calm." (N.Y. Times)

ARGENTINE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DAY OBSERVED. Directs attention to growth of manufacturing and vital part it plays in Argentine economy. Trade relations with U.S. indirectly benefited. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

RETURNS TO ARGENTINA. Paul O. Nyhus, agricultural attaché in the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, will sail Friday for Argentina after four months in the United States.

U.S. COTTON PROGRAM CONTRARY TO "GOOD NEIGHBOR" POLICY, Flavio Rodríguez, president of Union of Cotton Planters of São Paulo, implies in speech. Says that because of war conditions and because Brazilian cotton prices are lower than U.S., erroneous information is being circulated that Brazilian cotton is inferior to American brands. Says same interests are now asking U.S. government to subsidize cotton exports and requesting that Canadian manufactured cotton goods be prohibited entry unless they are made of U.S. cotton. (N.Y. Times)

CHILEAN WOMEN STRIKE IN PROTEST OF PRICES AND POOR QUALITY of silk stockings. Agree to discontinue wearing hose until situation is remedied. (C.S. Monitor)

CHILEAN MASSES PREFER MORAL LINE-UP WITH ALLIES AND U.S. Government still declares "strict neutrality" but signs show more democratic realism to encourage North American and Allied support. Important sign is Chile's recent decision to trade with Russia. (C.S. Monitor)

ECUADOR REMOVES SURCHARGE ON IMPORTS FROM CANADA, because of unfavorable trade balance. Tariff surcharge of 50 percent on imports into Ecuador from Canada to be removed October 1, when new trade agreement becomes effective. Understood that Canada will supply wide variety of manufactured products now difficult to obtain in U.S. because of war priorities and export restrictions. (N.Y. Times)

MEXICO PRAISES U.S. FOREIGN POLICY, according to Atilio Celis, commercial vice president of Mexican Lamp Company. Says that Mexico will "go all the way, if necessary, with U.S. in mutual attempt to prevent aggression in Western Hemisphere." (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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U.S. SUGAR QUOTAS INCREASED for Peru, Haiti and Dominican Republic. Aggregate increase of 89,292 short tons results from reallocation of unfilled quotas of full-duty paying countries. Sugar refiners confer in Washington on reallocation of 600,000 tons of unfilled Cuban quota but fail to develop agreement that such allotment will be necessary. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

BERLIN STRIKES BACK AT SOUTH AMERICA for first time since exposure and suppression of fifth columnists began. Vigorous anti-Nazi moves by Argentina, Chile and Brazil prompt Berlin to arrest Chileans and Argentines in Europe. New phase opened in South America's relations to world crisis with strict neutrality rapidly going into discard. (Roland Hall Sharp, Christian Science Monitor)

ARGENTINE FLOT Laid to Air Corps. Argentine Government occupies army air field to forestall what might have "developed into a dangerous military movement of seditious character." Acting President Ramón S. Castillo tells press that measures taken were "purely precautionary". Gen. Angel M. Zuloaga, air force commander, reported relieved of command. (N.Y. Times and Washington Post)

ARGENTINE-CANADA TRADE PACT may be signed October 2, well informed sources in Buenos Aires report. Members of Canadian trade mission said to have completed preliminary negotiations for pact with Argentine officials. Mission recently concluded trade agreements with Ecuador, Peru and Chile. (Christian Science Monitor)

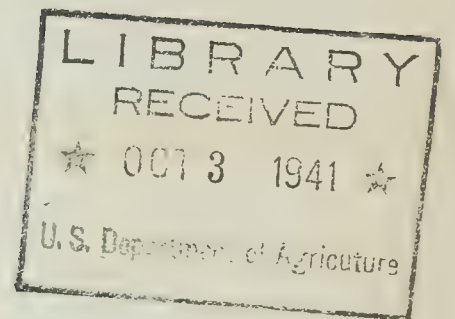
BRAZIL HALTS YARN EXPORTS by decree signed by President Vargas. Order specifies that no more artificial silk and cotton yarns can be exported until Commission of National Economic Defense decides that stocks on hand are sufficient for needs of internal market. (N.Y. Times)

LINK TO NAZI ORGANIZATION IN CHILE found through arrest of Matías Luis, Nazi teacher at school in town of Pailase. Documents found in his possession said to indicate existence of organization in Chile similar to that of the Gestapo. Chilean Foreign Ministry protests to Germany against arrest of six Chileans reported to be detained in Paris and Vienna on charges of anti-German activities. (N.Y. Times)

GERMAN CONSULATES IN COSTA RICA to cease functioning by end of September, Costa Rican government notifies Berlin. (N.Y. Times)

ECUADOR CONSIDERS EASING REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN CORPORATIONS, particularly those in mining. A former Minister of Agriculture and Mines reports that restrictions, issued by dictatorial administrations regulating conduct of foreign corporations in Ecuador, were seriously interfering with mining operations and recommends revision.

PERU THANKS MEXICO FOR MEDIATION OFFER. Foreign Minister Alfredo Self y Muro thanks Mexico for offer of Pan American mediation of boundary dispute with Ecuador. Reiterates stand that Peruvian sovereignty over disputed territory cannot be submitted to judicial decision. (Christian Science Monitor)



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U.S. SCIENTIST BACK FROM PERUVIAN SURVEY. Dr. Francis H. Thurber of Bureau of Agricultural Chemistry and Engineering returns after completing survey of technical methods used in processing agricultural products. Other members of party continue general agricultural survey of Peru.

ALL DEALER FAST IN ARGENTINA from movement described officially as a "coup d'etat conspiracy." Acting President Castillo says tranquility prevails, following Government's occupation of military airports, arrest of some 20 aviation officers, and immobilization of nation's 200 first-line warplanes. (C.S. Monitor)

NAZI CONSPIRACY CHARGED in Chilean newspaper, Crítica. Says plot uncovered in Argentina was a Nazi conspiracy involving military attack on Chile, designed to prevent unity in the Americas. Claims Nazi plotters planned eventual attacks on Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil by provoking a separatist movement in Bolivian eastern provinces to surround Paraguay and threaten South Brazil with "a military spearhead according to German technique of lightning warfare." (N.Y. Times)

COSTA RICA AGREES TO WITHDRAW CONSULS from German-occupied territories in response to repeated German demands. (C.S. Monitor)

U.S. GOOD WILL CAMPAIGN IN LATIN AMERICA INEFFECTIVE, Dr. Emilio Núñez Portuondo, vice president of Foreign Relations Committee of House of Representatives of Cuba, claims. Dr. Núñez says radio propaganda and publicity directed to Latin America will give no results "so long as those in charge are Americans who know nothing of our psychology and traditions." (N.Y. Times)

UNION LEADERS PLAN GIANT PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION in Mexico City, protesting against recent shooting of six munitions workers in clash with Mexican troops. (C.S. Monitor)

ARMED U.S. SHIPS NOT AUTHORIZED BY PANAMA, according to information given to consul general in New York. Information indicates that Panama would not give specific permission to arm ships and any officers desiring to arm them must "do so at their own expense and risk, and in no case at the risk of Panama." (N.Y. Times)

UNION WAY BRITISH DANISH SHIPS, Christian Seas. Preparations being made to take possession of two Italian vessels, Fausto and Adamello, and Danish freighter, Lauro. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

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DEVELOPMENT OF HEMISPHERIC SOLIDARITY as an important pillar of national defense accorded prominent place on agenda of 65th Annual Meeting of American Bar Association, to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 29-Oct 3. Members of legal profession from North and South America and Great Britain to be present. (Christian Science Monitor)

FREE TRADE WITH AMERICAS urged by Foreign Policy Association report. Removal of U.S. import duties on major South American commodities "would do more than speeches, loans and cultural cooperation to strengthen ties between U.S. and Latin America," Constant Southworth says in report. (Washington Post)

500 AXIS NAMES ADDED TO BLACK LIST of individuals or firms in South America "deemed to be acting for benefit of Germany or Italy," according to joint announcement made by Secretary of State Hull and Economic Defense Board. Sixty-five firms deleted from original blacklist, but will be kept under close observation. (Christian Science Monitor)

PHONY 'EXPERTS' IN HOLLYWOOD ALIENATING LATIN AMERICA. Film industry, engaged in campaign to win back audiences in Latin America, has failed to solve problems of finding competent "technical advisors" to correct errors in history, characterization, customs, speech and costumes, correspondent claims. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

STABILIZATION OF COFFEE MARKET costing American consumer \$200,000,000 a year more for coffee than before Inter-American Coffee Agreement went into effect, instead of \$25,000,000 estimated when Agreement was ratified, says writer. Says difference occurred, not because of operation of Agreement, but because producing countries took advantage of imports limitation to fix artificially high prices. (Raymond L. Hoadley in N.Y. Herald Tribune)

CONTROVERSY BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR dates back well over a century, many decades before Adolf Hitler became known and is the last dispute in South America dealing with frontier settlements, noted explorer and scientist says. Claims that these two important factors are overshadowed by reports of bad faith, Nazi infiltration, Japanese wire pulling and imperial designs on Latin America harbored by General Francisco Franco of Spain. (Earl Parker Hanson, N.Y. Herald Tribune)

ARGENTINE PLOT INCIDENT CLOSED, General Juan N. Tonazzi, Minister of War, indicates in announcing that Col. Aristóbulo Reyes, chief of Staff of Aviation, will be temporarily in charge of the Military Air Army. General Angel María Zuloaga was recently removed from post as result of discovery of military plot. Events give rise to patriotic demonstrations in several cities of pro-democratic and anti-totalitarian character. Cabinet crisis believed threatening as result of conflict between executive branch of government and Liberal majority in Chamber of Deputies. (N.Y. Herald Tribune and Arnaldo Cortesi of N.Y. Times)

INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER LEAVES FOR ARGENTINA to assist woolen hat body manufacturers in problems relating to manufacture for American markets. Argentine Trade Promotion Corporation, established to develop markets for new Argentine products in U.S., announces that Frederick F. Ladd will remain in Buenos Aires 5 months to supply technical assistance. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

U.S. RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA BEST IN HISTORY. U.S. Administration said to be confident that "whoever and whatever party is in power, Argentina will work in close friendship with U.S." Believes that Nazi influence in Argentina is at a minimum. (Blair Bolles, Washington Star)

BOLIVIAN SCULPTRESS, Marina Núñez del Prado, to tour U.S. with works of art through fellowship awarded by American Association of University Women. Nears completion of bust of Vice President Wallace. (Washington Star)

ARTIFICIAL SILK AND COTTON YARNS EXPORTS HALTED by President Vargas of Brazil until Commission of National Economic Defense decides whether or not stocks on hand are sufficient for needs of internal market. Decree, effective immediately, does not affect contracts previously signed but not delivered. (C.S. Monitor)

BRAZILIAN ADMINISTRATORS WELCOMED by President Paul Douglass of American University. Says that more than 50 administrators from American Republics have studied in school of social sciences and public affairs at the University, through 3-year grant made in 1938 by Rockefeller Foundation to develop program for specialized training for junior administrators from American Republics. (Washington Star)

CHILEAN COPPER EXPORT TAX to aid in paying for 3-year public works program announced by President Aguirre. Tax of 23 gold centavos per kilogram on refined metal exports expected to produce approximately \$35,000,000 to be used on housing, highway, school, colonization and public development programs. (C.S. Monitor)

GERMAN LEGATION CLOSES IN HONDURAS. Johannes Schmidt, Counselor of legation in Tegucigalpa, arranges for removal of archives from Honduras to Guatemala City. No immediate reason for German action given. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

AMERICAN LIBRARY TO OPEN IN MEXICO CITY. Dr. Harry M. Lydenberg, director of New York Public Library, to leave for Mexico City to open American Library, similar to one established in Paris before the war. Library to be sponsored by Office of Inter-American Affairs. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

U-BOAT SINKS PANAMA SHIP AND NINE BRITISH CONVOYS. Survivors landing in Portugal and Azores Islands report sinking of Panamanian ship, Trinidad, en route to Dublin, and nine vessels in British convoy in Atlantic Ocean by German submarines. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY NORTH AMERICAN PAINTING, sponsored by U.S. Committee on Inter-American Relations, opens in Museum of Modern Art in Caracas, Venezuela. (N.Y. Times)

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SAMPLE COFFEE ADMITTED INTO U.S., for testing purposes, without regard to quota restrictions of Inter-American Coffee Agreement by executive order of President Roosevelt. (N.Y. Journal of Commerce)

GERMAN-ITALIAN RELATIONS LESS CORDIAL since deal between Rome and Buenos Aires for Argentine purchase of 100,000 tons of Italian refugee shipping. Believed that Germany exercised strong but unsuccessful pressure on Italian government to prevent wartime transfer of 16 ships now flying Argentine flag. (C.S. Monitor)

ARGENTINE INQUIRY INTO ARMY PLOT BEGINS. War Ministry appoints General Jorge A. Giovaneli, inspector of infantry and commander of Buenos Aires garrison, to investigate unsuccessful military coup, discovered recently, and to prosecute any officers or men considered guilty of acts or breaches of discipline. (N.Y. Times)

NAZIS OUST BOLIVIAN CONSULS. Foreign Minister Alberto Ostria Gutiérrez informs Bolivian Senate that authorization of Bolivian Consuls in occupied countries of Europe has been cancelled by Germany. (N.Y. Herald Tribune)

CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH LATIN AMERICA for post-war era seen in recent trade treaty signed by Chilean Foreign Minister Juan B. Rosetti and Canadian Commerce Minister, James A. MacKinnon. Canada's empire privileges and Chile's special frontier relationships respected in treaty. Chileans regard treaty as signifying Canadian incorporation into American continental life. (C.S. Monitor)

COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT APPROVES LOAN of \$4,600,000 from Export-Import Bank of Washington, after project is passed by unanimous vote in Costa Rican Congress. One of objectives of loan is to stabilize local currency. (N.Y. Times)

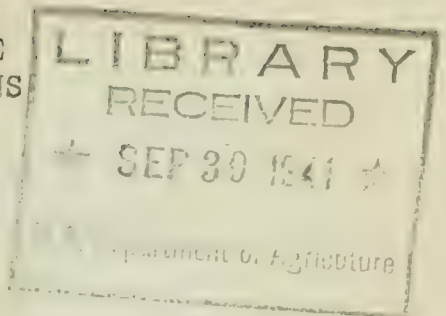
ECUADOR PICTURES ALLIANCE WITH U.S. by adoption of stamp, 2-1/2 by 1-1/2 inches, flanked by picture of George Washington and arms of Ecuador, while below are flags of both countries in color, surmounted by wings of American national bird. (N.Y. Times)

PEACEFUL MARCH OF 20,000 WORKERS IN MEXICO CITY in funeral procession of victims of clash between union workers and federal troops last Tuesday indicates desire of both sides to avoid test of strength and willingness to allow revolutionary tension of past few days to die down. Observers from ranks of organized labor and Army agree that showdown is inevitable sooner or later. (N.Y. Times)

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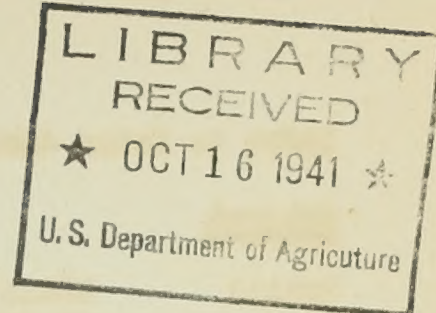
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